particularly AIIMS, Safdarjung and Dr. RML Hospitals are totally unhygienic which causes serious hazard to the patients;

(b) whether Government are also aware that Safdarjung Hospital is the topmost filthy hospital where no attention is paid to the cleanliness at all;

(c) if answers to parts (a) and (b) be in the affirmative, whether Government would issue necessary instructions to these hospitals so that patients do not face any difficulty; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) In so far as Central Government Hospitals, *viz.* Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College & Associated Hospital are concerned, all out efforts are being made for cleanliness of these hospitals. Daily rounds and surprise checks are also being made by the respective hospital authorities regularly to oversee the cleanliness. The Hospital waste is disposed of as per the Bio Medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998 in these hospitals. AIIMS has reported that there is a system of cleaning and maintenance of hygienic condition of hospital as per the Institute's guidelines.

TKDL project

1855. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian System of Medicine and Homeopathy is funding Traditional Knowledge Digital Library;

(b) whether the authority submitted traditional knowledge resource classification of Traditional Knowledge Digital Library to World Intellectual Property Organisation during 2001;

(c) whether European and United States Patent Office commented that the classification is not useful to non-experts, whereas Chinese database is useful;

(d) whether persons with commerce and life science degrees are appointed as Information Technology Experts in the project;

(e) whether in 2002, a Member of Parliament asked for inquiry on above appointments;

(f) if so, the action taken thereof; and

(g) the reasons for delay in implementing TKDL Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) The expenditure on establishment of Traditional Knowledge Digital Library is being incurred by the Department of Indian Systems of Medicine & Homeopathy.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (f) Persons with Commerce and Life Science were appointed as I.T. experts. However, they had requisite experience of working in the I.T. sector.

The specific complaint of hon'ble M.P. is being examined and a suitable reply will be sent.

(g) Substantial work on the establishment of TKDL has been completed.

Gastroenterologists in the country

1856. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Medical Association maintains/updates data of Gastroenterologists in the country;

(b) if so, the details of Gastroenterologists in the country; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not maintaining such a data by the IMA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. As per information received from the Indian Medical Association they are not maintaining any data regarding the details of the Gastroenterologists in the country. They are maintaining register of those allopathic doctors who are its members, as the membership is purely voluntary and not mandatory.